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## NOTES

A CASE designed to test the constitutionality of the law requiring city high schools to admit pupils from townships that have no high schools, on payment of \$2 a month for each pupil by the township from which he comes, has been reversed by the Indiana supreme court without passing on the constitutional question. The case had attracted much interest in Wayne county and throughout the state owing to the fact that similar suits were contemplated elsewhere. The circuit court held the law valid and ordered that sixteen-year-old Nellie Worl should be admitted to the Newcastle high school without payment of the additional tuition demanded by the school board.

Her father brought the suit as her next friend, alleging the daughter's age and place of residence, but not stating that she was unmarried. The supreme court held that a sixteen-year-old girl who marries loses her legal right to attend the public schools, and, therefore, Miss Worl should have shown that she was still unmarried, and was not excluded on account of being a wife.

THE Indiana appellate court on July 2, in the case of Silver, Burdett & Co. vs. the state board of education to enjoin it and the state board of school commissioners from letting a contract for furnishing arithmetics for the common schools, held that the Silver-Burdett Company had no cause entitling it to an injunction.

The theory of the book publishers was that the board had no authority to advertise for other bids for books, as it was already under a contract with them, by which they had expended \$5,000 in revising its books.

The court held that the board had the right to reject the Silver-Burdett

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revised arithmetics and that the free exercise of such a right by the board was necessary for the efficiency of the schools; that the complaint was insufficient because it did not state that the revision was done to the board's satisfaction, and was accepted by them. For this reason, though the court intimates that it is doubtful whether the steps taken by the board in making of the contract for revision was lawful, the opinion holds that the publishing house was not entitled to injunctive relief.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM H. P. FAUNCE, of Brown university, in *The World Today* for October, strongly condemns the lax morality associated with college athletics with especial reference to the efforts made to prevent "professionalism." He says: "The rules offered the finest possible field for casuistry and hair splitting. With student conscience behind them they would have remedied the evil, but that conscience did not insist on literal enforcement. What is 'indirect compensation'? If the students secure for one of their number an opportunity to earn money by working in a store in the evening, doing this out of friendship (and friendship may be based on athletic affinity)—is that 'indirect compensation'? If a senior take an athletic freshman to room with him without exacting payment of room rent, is that 'indirect compensation'? Can any authorities forbid such a deed of charity? If an alumnus engages an athletic sophomore to work for him during the summer at market rates, who can object? But how if the interest of the alumnus is based wholly on the expectation of future athletic distinction? No theological casuistry of the sixteenth century was ever more subtle or specious than that which college sport has produced. If the senior cannot pay the fresh-

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man in any other way, he makes with him some preposterous wager and loses it. Thus the money has changed hands, but it cannot be shown to be compensation for skill. The rules are regularly circumvented and faculties are outwitted with keen enjoyment. Sometimes the student, refusing to take the money himself, orders it sent to his father or brother. Why should we use soft words when facing such facts? We are living in a time when college athletics are honeycombed with falsehood, and when the professions of amateurism are usually hypocrisy. No college team ever meets another today with actual faith in the other's eligibility.

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